# Utah State Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

### October 22, 2008

North & South Board Rooms Utah State Office of Education

## **APPROVED**

Members present: Julie Adamic, Tim Beagley, Yolanda Francisco-Nez, Tom Morgan, John Pingree, Scott

Smith, & Brian Allen via phone conference

Staff present: Marlies Burns, Paul Crawford, Mark Long, Jeannie Rowland, Jo Schmitt

Others present: Superintendent Harrington, Mark Cluff, Janene Bowen, Monty Hardy, Susan Soleil, representatives from Cache Valley Learning Center, Lyceum Academy, Beehive Science & Technology,

NUAMES, CS Lewis Academy, Cache Valley Learning Center

## Call to Order

Vice Chair Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member John Pingree to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2008 State Charter School Board Meeting, with the requested changes. The motion was carried unanimously.

# Charter School Board Chair's Report

Because Chair Brian Allen was attending the SCSB meeting by phone conference, there was no Board Chair's report.

## **Board Standing Committee Reports**

- Legislative Committee-Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB the Legislative Committee is a new committee and met for the first time that morning. Ms. Burns stated the Legislative Committee is planning to define their charge, which is to act as an analyzing group, to provide information to the SCSB and not take the roll of a lobbying group.
- Accountability Committee-Member Tom Morgan informed the SCSB the Accountability Committee
  discussed their focus and what the committee should be engaged. Mr. Morgan also stated the committee
  has a focus it is considering and would like to ask the SCSB to consider a proposal at the next meeting
  relating to procedure and protocol.
- School Assistance Committee-Member Tim Beagley informed the SCSB the School Assistance Committee has a new board chair and staff member and they took this opportunity to establish some direction the committee would take. The committee identified four things it would like to begin working: 1) establish a more formalized process of informing districts and charter schools when students transfer, 2) establish a system to notify charter schools of trainings, in addition to Training Tracker, 3) initiate a process to create a description of best practices in terms of the establishment of a board for a new charter school, and 4) proposed a mentoring program where well established charter schools could receive a stipend if it were willing to mentor a new school.
- Communication Committee-Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez informed the SCSB the Communication Committee discussed developing a vision and mission statement for the SCSB. Also, the committee

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discussed an insert for the Annual Report that would highlight six to eight schools showing the school's innovation, progress and accomplishments. Ms. Francisco-Nez also requested additional information and detail regarding the possibility of Brian Carpenter, author of "Disrupting Class" as a guest speaker to the charter school community.

## **Information Items**;

• Presentation from Charter School Revolving Loan Subcommittee-Vice Chair Scott Smith informed the SCSB this agenda item would be moved to action items portion of the meeting.

## Action Items:

• Recommendations of new charter school applicants, charter school expansions, and satellite school requests for 2010-2011 school year-Vice Chair Scott Smith instructed the SCSB Members to rank the new charter school applicants, the charter school expansions, and satellite school requests from 1 to 7. He also stated that if they felt an applicant was not ready for recommendation for approval to assign that school a score of 10.

After discussion and voting by the SCSB Members motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Julie Adamic to recommend for approval to the USBE the following new schools: American Preparatory Academy-Accelerated School, Quail Run Primary School, Maria Montessori Academy, and Weilenmann School of Discovery. Mr. Beagley's motion also included discussing Cache Valley Learning Center, Lyceum Academy, and Beehive Science & Technology-West Valley separately. The motion was carried unanimously.

After much discussion, motion was made by Member John Pingree to recommend for approval to the USBE **Cache Valley Learning Center** pending verification there would be no conflict of interest with the school converting from a private school to a public school. The motion died because of no second to the motion. Motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to table the recommendation for approval of **Cache Valley Learning Center** until property ownership and governance issue concerns were addressed. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member John Pingree to not recommend for approval to the USBE **Lyceum Academy** and encouraged the school to come back next year with the SCSB issues of concern corrected. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Tom Morgan and seconded by Member John Pingree to not recommend for approval to the USBE **Beehive Science & Technology-West Valley.** The motion was carried unanimously.

After discussion and voting by the SCSB Members motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to recommend for approval to the USBE the following Charter School amendment requests: American Leadership Academy, George Washington Academy, North Star Academy, Summit Academy and Spectrum Academy. Mr. Beagley's motion also included discussing CS Lewis Academy and Paradigm High School separately. The motion was carried unanimously.

After much discussion, motion was made by Member John Pingree and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to recommend for approval to the USBE **CS Lewis Academy**. Director Marlies Burns informed the SCSB that CS Lewis Academy's test scores showed that the whole school's proficiency and whole school progress did not pass UPASS. Member John Pingree withdrew his motion to recommend approval upon learning of CS Lewis Academy's test scores. Motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to deny CS Lewis Academy's amendment request and wait for an additional year for more data. The motion carried with Chair Brian Allen, Vice Chair

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Scott Smith, Members Julie Adamic, Tom Morgan, John Pingree, and Yolanda Francisco-Nez voting in favor of the motion. Opposing vote to the motion was cast by Member Tim Beagley.

After much discussion, motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member John Pingree to not recommend for approval to the USBE **Paradigm High School's** amendment request. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Director Marlies Burns distributed a memo outlining recommendations from the Revolving Loan Committee regarding the Charter School Building Subaccount rule. Motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez to direct the Charter School Staff to work directly with Superintendent Patti Harrington to create a board rule that would resolve issues of concerns outlined in the distributed memo. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Motion was made by Member Tom Morgan and seconded by Member Julie Adamic to approve the revisions of Utah County Academy of Sciences (UCAS) Trust Land Proposal. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Motion was made by Member Yolanda Francisco-Nez and seconded by Member Tim Beagley to approve the hiring of Paul Crawford in the Charter School Section to be liaison to Utah's Charter Schools with their technology needs. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Motion was made by Member Julie Adamic and seconded by Member Tom Morgan to recommend for approval to the USBE **Northern Utah Academy of Math Engineering and Science's (NUAMES)** request to be chartered by the USOE and remove authorization from the districts. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Motion was made by Member Tim Beagley and seconded by Member Julie Adamic to recommend for approval to the USBE the following Revolving Loan Recommendations:

DaVinci Academy-\$184,210

Dual Immersion Academy-\$47,900

Excelsior Academy-\$184,210

Gateway Preparatory Academy-\$184,210

Lincoln Academy-\$184,210

Merit College Preparatory Academy-\$184,210

Open High School of Utah-\$110,000

Pinnacle Canyon Academy-\$184,210

Quest Academy-\$184,210

Thomas Edison Charter School – North-\$184,210

Vista at Entrada, School of Performing Arts-\$184,210

The motion was married unanimously.

#### Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. by Member Tim Beagley.

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